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OF MUSHROOM AND LACTIC ACID FERMENTED SOLUTION  
OF MUSHROOM PRODUCED THEREBY

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Korean Patent No. 165939 (with English Abstract) is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at page 5, line 13.

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Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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